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SUBJECT: MBFR: TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON NUCLEAR
ASPECTS

1. IN DISCUSSION OF MBFR WITH ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MILLER, FCO AND MOD OFFICIALS STRESSED IMPORTANCE UK
PLACES ON NUCLEAR ASPECTS AND PRESSED FOR U.S. RESPONSE
ON TIMING OF US/UK/FRG TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. ON FEBRUARY 11, MILLER AND EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH
FCO AND MOD OFFICIALS LED BY FCO ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY
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CHARLES WIGGIN. IT WAS CLEAR FROM WIGGIN'S PRESENTATION

THAT PENDING TRILATERAL NUCLEAR CONSULTATIONS ARE HIGH ON UK LIST OF PRIORITY MBFR BUSINESS.

3. EARLY IN CONVERSATION WIGGIN PRESSED MILLER AS TO WHEN US MIGHT BE READY TO HOLD TRILATERALS. MILLER RESPONDED THAT UK/FRG QUESTIONS HAVE GIVEN U.S. OCCASION TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ITS THINKING BEHIND MBFR NUCLEAR OPTION, AND THAT WE HOPED TO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND SOON.

4. WIGGIN AND OTHER UK OFFICIALS AGREED THAT, IN UK VIEW, PURPOSE OF TRILATERAL IS NOT TO QUESTION NEED FOR A NUCLEAR MBFR COMPONENT, SINCE THIS IS UK CONSENSUS THAT THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME NUCLEAR COMPONENT IN A FINAL MBFR AGREEMENT. JOHN MAYNE OF MOD SUMMED UP BY SAYING THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN MBFR IN ORDER TO GET THE GROUND FORCE DISPARITY WHICH ALLIES SEEK.

5. REST OF CONVERSATION WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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